

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Mayor Bethune offered the invocation and invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. **Council Members:** Bruce Campbell, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice. Absent: Rosetta Cody, Council Member

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning Director and Blake Hodge, Fire Chief. Absent: Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience.

Mr. Odell Caine, said I have an investment home on 1st Street. He said the road is in bad condition and needs to be repaired.

Mayor Bethune asked the City Manager and Public Works Director to follow up with Mr. Caine to see what could be done to address his concerns.

Mr. Josey Sheppard addressed City Council on his qualifications as candidate for House Seat 162.

Mr. Arthur Hicks, Osceola Drive, said the ditch behind my house needs cleaning.

Mayor Bethune asked the City Manager and Public Works Director to follow up with Mr. Hicks to see what could be done to address his concerns.

Mr. Leonard Hodges, Old Louisville Road, said motorists are speeding on Heidt Avenue.

Mayor Bethune said we will have the Chief of Police look into your concerns.

There being no further comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Public Hearings:

PC1602, Rezoning Request (224, 226, & 228 Dean Forest Road): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Patricia Burgess, property owner, to rezone 224 Dean Forest Road, 226 Dean Forest Road and 228 Dean Forest Road from RA to I2 except for the portion within the 60 ft. boundary line shall be zoned as C-2.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the rezoning request.

Ms. Patricia Burgess said I am the property owner requesting the rezoning. She said I have lived on the property for 59 years. She said I realize I can't stop progress and it is time for me to move on.

Mayor Bethune said I understand that you want to rezone your property to I2 to get the most value for your property. He said we have to look at how the rezoning would affect the area.

Ms. Burgess said it is time do something, because the area is changing.

Mr. Ken Collins, 204 Dean Forest Road, said I'm not for or against the rezoning. He said I am surrounded by industrial. He said I don't understand why you all don't take the whole place and rezone it industrial and let us get on with our lives.

Ms. Phyllis said I realize that it is time for us to go. She said the Garrets next to me feel the same way. She said we are not against Ms. Burgess rezoning her property so she can move.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone who wished to speak against the rezoning request.

Ms. Jane Munn said I lived there 44 years and I am opposed to the rezoning. She said I would like to continue living there until we retire. She said if you rezone the property we will not be able to do anything with our property. She said we were told if we were to rezone it should be done all at one time.

Mayor Bethune said the future land use map predicts what the future zoning might look like. He said rezoning requests are taken on by individual cases. He said it is up to the person what zoning they want I1 or I2.

Mayor Bethune asked the Planning Director if staff made a zoning recommendation to Ms. Burgess.

Planning Director said no, she requested I2 in conjunction with the future land use map.

Mayor Bethune said it looks like the Planning Commission approved the rezoning based on the future land use map zoning for I2. Mayor Bethune said several different parcels on Dean Forest are zoned commercial in the front and industrial in the back.

Planning Director said the commercial doesn't allow for much to be done, because it is only 60ft.

Mayor Bethune said an I2 zoning would not have any restrictions on noise, etc.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked the Planning Director if he explained to Ms. Burgess the difference between I1 and I2.

Mayor Bethune said the vote on the first reading is scheduled for the April 4 meeting. He said if the vote is unanimous on the first reading then we can hold the second reading, but if it is not unanimous then the second reading will be on April 18.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing on PC1602.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Yogi & Sons, Inc.): Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcohol beverage license application by Yogeshkumar Dave to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Yogi & Sons, Inc., 1298 U.S. Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia.

Mayor Bethune asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor or against the application. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the council minutes dated 3/7/16 and the workshop synopsis dated 3/14/16.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning, Zoning & Building Department's monthly report.

City Manager presented the Water Operations Department's monthly report.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's monthly report.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's monthly report.

City Manager said I have no updates to report.

Items for Consideration:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Yogi & Sons, Inc.): Mayor Bethune said we have for consideration an alcohol beverage license application by Yogeshkumar Dave to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Yogi & Sons, Inc., 1298 U.S. Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the application.

Resolution, GCPD Surplus Vehicles: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to classify three (3) police vehicles as surplus property and to authorize two of the vehicles to be sold at auction and one vehicle to be sold for salvage pursuant to State law.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GCPD Air Handler Bid Award: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to accept the bid of Air Management Systems, Inc., to sell and install an air handler unit in place of the inoperable unit located in the City's Police Department at the price of \$97,000.00, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract for the purchase and installation of the air handler unit.

IT Director said Chatham Engineering consulted with us on the bid process. He said the vendor meets all the requirements.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

There being no further items for consideration, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council
Approved by City Council 4/4/16*